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Chief, Policy and Compliance Division

Transmittal #2, Foreign Medical Program Policy Manual

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1. Explanation of changes and related index updates of the Foreign Medical Policy Manual and filing instructions are in the following summary:
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<b><u>Chapter 1, Section 2.</u></b> <i>Eligibility.</i> Under Policy adds clarification of adjunctive care when medically necessary to treat the service-connected condition and corrects the address for Canadian submitted claims; under Exclusions removes information of countries barred from business or travel and adds that reimbursement will not be made for medical care when the veteran is a fugitive felon or is incarcerated.	1-2.1	1-2	1-2.1	1-2
<b><u>Chapter 2, Section 5.</u></b> <i>Dental Services.</i> Amends Procedure Code(s); removes Limitations and adds this information under Policy.	2-5.1	1-3	2-5.1	1-3
<b><u>Chapter 2, Section 9.</u></b> <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME).</i> Amends Procedure Codes; under Description adds clarification of DME; under Policy removes pre-authorization requirement; under Exclusions adds clarification to Note for the submission of housing modifications and adds household chairs and recliner chairs.	2-9.1	1-4	2-9.1	1-3

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<a href="#"><u>Chapter 3, Section 2</u></a> , <i>Claims for Reimbursement</i> . Under Policy clarifies FMP as primary payer for service-connected claims even when OHI exists and that reimbursement is made at the VA allowable amount; under Policy Considerations adds that veterans with other health insurance (OHI) may elect to use their OHI for service-connected disabilities and FMP will reimburse the veteran's OHI co-payment up to the allowed amount; adds note that reimbursement will only be made for service-connected disabilities; and clarifies issuance of an EOB; under Exclusions clarifies issuance of U.S. Treasury Department checks and that reimbursement will not be made for medical care when the veteran is a fugitive felon or is incarcerated.	3-2.1	1-4	3-2.1	1-4
<b>Subject Index.</b> Amends entire index to update and include policies reference in this transmittal.		1 thru 7		1 thru 7
<b>Code Index.</b> Amends entire code index to update and include codes referenced in this transmittal.		1 thru 2		1 thru 2

2. File this transmittal memorandum in the front of the FMP Policy Manual.

Susan Schmetzer  
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